GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR CALAMITY AFFECTED IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any letter from the Government of Uttar Pradesh seeking funds for providing relief for natural calamity and flood affected people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said funds are likely to be allocated ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a),(b)&(c) For grant of Central Assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), the nodal Ministries are the Ministry of Agriculture for drought and the Ministry of Home Affairs for flood and other calamities. To take up employment-oriented works in calamity affected areas, the Ministry of Rural Development provides foodgrains free of cost to the affected States as per the approval of the High Level Committee. While foodgrains are provided under the Special Component of Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yoajana (SGRY), Cash Component for the Scheme is to be provided by the State Government concerned either from State Sector Schemes or Centrally Sponsored Schemes in which foodgrains are utilized.

Government of Uttar Pradesh has not submitted any memorandum seeking assistance from NCCF in the wake of floods during the current year. The State Government submitted a memorandum to the Ministry of Agriculture seeking assistance from NCCF for drought during the current year. The High Level Committee approved an amount of Rs.360.94 crore for drought management subject to the adjustment of funds available for instant calamity under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF). An amount of Rs.192.10 crore has been released from NCCF to the Government of Uttar Pradesh during 2004-05 for management of drought after adjustment of balance in CRF for current drought.